

SC Arts Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
1800 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC
December 8, 2004

Members present	Linda Stern, West Fraser, Bud Ferillo, Virginia Self, Carrie Brown
Members absent	Carolyn Govan, Noble Cooper
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox,
Call to order	Chairman Stern called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
Approval of Minutes	Mr. Ferillo moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting. Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.
Chairman's Report	Ms. Stern reported on contacts she had made with state legislators, Congressman Jim DeMint and Governor Sanford.
Commissioners' Reports	Ms. Surkamer noted that Dr. Cooper had recently attended a NASAA meeting in Orlando for state arts council members.
Executive Director's Report	<p>Ms. Surkamer recently appeared at the Governor's budget hearing for cultural agencies. She noted that the Arts Commission's programs fit within two of the Governor's priority areas: Increasing cultural resources and improving education. The Governor's Office responded with a letter commending the agency on its work in arts education and its interest in cultural tourism. Ms. Surkamer is planning meetings with the directors of SCPRT and the Department of Commerce to explore ways to expand programs targeted at cultural tourism.</p> <p>She reported that the AIE Booking Conference in October was very successful. SCAC staff is doing some surveying of constituents to evaluate the program and direct future efforts.</p> <p>Two SCAC staff members, Cydney Berry and Felicia Smith, will be retiring by the end of December. The agency is currently interviewing for one coordinator-level position and a half-time position for the Design Arts Partnership.</p> <p>Also, Ms. Surkamer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recently participated in the ABC Partnership Retreat.

- Is working with NASAA, the NEA and Arts Presenters on a training program for state performing arts coordinators.
- Is meeting with NEA staff to stay current with opportunities for the SCAC and its constituents.
- Successfully negotiated with the NEA for an exemption from paying indirect costs usually charged to agencies using federal funds.
- Facilitated a board retreat for the Florence County Arts Council.
- Reported on a successful November meeting of the Statewide Learning Community. She noted that the Charleston Stage Company had withdrawn from the project.
- Is working with Arts Presenters to help plan a meeting in Charleston in 2005.
- Is working with SCAC staff to look at alternate dates and location for the Verner Awards events in order to involve more legislators.

Ms. Govan arrived at 10:50 a.m.

1st Quarter Financial Reports

Ms. Surkamer reviewed the financial statements.

Motion

Ms. Govan moved to approve the financial reports. Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.

Draft Strategic Plan 2006.2007

Jeanette Guinn joined the meeting to present research findings from 2000 that has assisted the SCAC in its planning.

Ms. Surkamer and Mr. May explained the draft document to the board. There was consensus approval of the general concepts and direction of the draft plan.

Legislative/Budget Updates

Ms. Surkamer explained that some of the Maybank Money (one-time funding in the SCAC FY:05 budget) has been paid to the SCAC. She plans to request an increase in the agency's 2006 budget based on program needs. She asked for the board's help in having individual conversations about the agency with legislators to support this request.

Grant Guidelines Changes

Mr. May requested board approval of a proposed change to Operating Support Grants requiring that an organization have operated for at least one year at the time of application.

Motion	Mr. Ferillo moved to approve the change. Ms. Self seconded, and the motion was approved.
Community Tour	Mr. May recommended that the board eliminate the Community Tour program. He explained the recommendation.
Motion	Mr. Ferillo moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Self seconded and the motion was approved.
Dance Fellowship	Mr. May recommended that the board not award a Fellowship in Dance Performance for 2007 because there were too few applications. There was discussion about the number of applications required to make decisions about Fellows.
Motion	Mr. Fraser moved to require a minimum of five applications for any one Fellowship category. Ms. Govan seconded. The motion was approved.
Gallery Report	<p>Ms. Surkamer described the background of the Gallery Study Committee and reviewed recommendations based on the work of that committee. Ms. Surkamer noted that the recommendations fit within the direction of the new strategic plan.</p> <p>There was discussion about the recommendations. Mr. Fraser requested that the document be revised to reflect that the recommendations are in keeping with the strategic plan, and that SCAC staff follow up with members of the study committee.</p>
Motion	Mr. Ferillo moved to approve the recommendations. Ms. Brown seconded, and the motion was approved.
Visual Arts Program	<p>Ms. Surkamer explained constituent concerns over the SCAC's involvement in art purchases by private companies. She recommended a change to SCAC procedures to clarify the SCAC's role and provide direction to staff.</p> <p>There was discussion about the recommended procedure changes.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Fraser moved that the SCAC continue to staff, but not take part in selecting work for private art procurement projects.</p> <p>There was discussion on the motion.</p> <p>Mr. Fraser withdrew the motion.</p>

Motion	<p>Mr. Ferillo moved that the SCAC continue the service, adopting recommended changes to guarantee broadest access, and following highest standards of professional conduct.</p> <p>There was discussion on the motion.</p> <p>Mr. Ferillo withdrew the motion.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Ferillo made the following motion:</p> <p>Staff shall continue to facilitate calls for the submission of art for public or private purchase from all artists, art galleries and businesses in the state. However, staff shall not at any time make selection decisions for any purchase.</p> <p>Ms. Govan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next SCAC board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2005.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Fraser moved to adjourn. Ms. Self seconded and the motion was approved.</p>
Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.</p>